

**Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority Meeting
October 28, 2014
Approved Minutes**

Present – J. Carrington, D. Dilaj, M. Hart, M. Kiefer, L. Painter, Sgt. R. Cournoyer

Absent - F. Raiola

Guests – R. LeClerc (BOE), P. Hempel (Resident), J. Kaufman (Parks & Rec), C. vanZelm (D.P.)

Approval of 09/23/14 Minutes; – Motion made by Painter, seconded by Cournoyer to approve the minutes of 9/23/14. Dilaj abstained. Passed unanimously.

Business

No.	Item	Action/Disposition
1	Request to State for Rte. 89 safety assessment (1052)	ConnDOT to conduct safety assessment; still waiting on word from ConnDOT; Patenaude contacted Kevin at ConnDot. Survery is almost complete. Patenaude to contact Kevin at ConDot again for an update. Continue under old business.
2	Jay Walking near Dog Lane	Carrington talked to ConnDot. ConnDOT/OSTA not willing to budge for additional crosswalk. Carrington will have follow up conversation with contact person, continue under old business.
3	Town Hall/MCC Parking Lot	LaFlamme working on parking plan. DPW working on catch basins. Plan is to do full reclamation November 5 th , 6 th & 7 th . Garrity to do reclaim, Hain Materials to do overlay possibly Veterans day. Talk was to put two speed bumps thru straightaway to cut down on speeding (one at each island). Also to move island down with possible one way entry and exits. Carrington will have LaFlamee work on updating the plan. Painter to look at PZC for possible modification. Hart will look into Veterans Day festivities. Patenaude to contact R. Pemberton at EOS for possible use of Farrell Fields parking when time gets closer. Continue under old business.
4	Route 195/Puddin Lane Bus Stop Location	Natchaug Hospital wants bus stop at their location. Puddin Lane bus stops would have to be removed. WRTD and Natchaug Hospital are reviewing. Hospital needs to work with WRTD to come up with a solution. Nothing heard from Natchaug Hospital or WRTD. Keep under old business.
5	Street Safety Hanks Hill and Stone Mill Roads	Carrington and Kiefer reviewed. Carrington replied back to citizens. Will install new Yield and street signs and do some tree trimming.

6	211 Codfish Falls Road Signs for Hidden Driveway or Curve with Slow Speed Limit	Resident vehicle hit by motorcycle upon exiting driveway. Recommending "curve ahead" with recommended speed limit sign. Further review and study to be done. Kiefer and Carrington to investigate. Motion made by Kiefer, seconded by Dilaj to install a curve sign with 15 mph placard. Passed unanimously.
7	Traffic Study – Old Kent Road/Route 32 Intersection (via VM) – hard to see going North (Leslie Sweeney)	Patenaude contacted Kevin at ConnDOT – with the amount of traffic (over 1000 cars per day) going thru a traffic light is not an option. Dilaj to review, Painter to look at drainage issue.
8	Radar Trailer	Lead Mechanic checked – trailer is operational. Possibility of moving to a permanent or semi-permanent location.
9	Conantville and Meadowbrook Roads	Mr. Haddad advised that truck traffic seemed to be down.

NEW BUSINESS

10	Mansfield Hollow Road Bus Stop	R. LeClerc from the Mansfield Board of Education stated that the full size bus cannot take a left from Mansfield Hollow Road to Mansfield Hollow Road Ext. with the island there. Easiest fix would be to remove the island. Noted in pictures of a pothole that DPW will fix. Painter will talk to Rudy Favretti about any historic issues the island may or may not be related to. After pothole is repaired, LeClerc will report back as to status after pothole is repaired. Leave as old business.
11	School Bus Stop Ahead Sign on Gurleyville Road by Charles Lane	Carrington and Kiefer to review before signs are installed. Leave as old business.
12	Dunham Pond Road Traffic Concerns	Kiefer said 3 blind corners, one with ledge outcropping – cars and pedestrian meeting would be tight. Carrington suggested another possibility would be to install mirrors on blind corners at owner's expense. Another expensive option would be to pop the ledge out of one corner. Patenaude to send a note to residents to see if a possible consensus for a solution among the residents for the blind curves. Keep under old business.

13	Metal Beam Rail Routes 32 and 275	ConnDot handling appropriately. Possibility of adding increased lighting, signage. Another possibility would be to have resident add rail fence with reflectors. Zoning regulations only allow a two foot high fence due to visibility issues. Hart to advise resident.
14	Major Traffic Concerns (MTG) Administrative Decision Request Checklist for UConn STEM Phase II Project	Motion made by Painter, seconded by Cournoyer that the proposed construction of the residence hall would not have any impact on the operation of State roads and to encourage the University to implement mitigation measures identified in the EIE report prior to opening the building. Passed unanimously.
15	Demi Fisher Fun Run at Southeast School Police Assistance 11/1/14 (James Hendricks)	Chief Dagon will aid with Fire Police only entering and exiting the facility.
16	Storrs Center Signage (C. vanZelm)	There is concern about people parking or idling in bus lanes outside of Transportation Center. Bus signs are obscured by trees. Motion made by Painter, seconded by Kiefer to add a sign to the light pole closest to the bus zone area. Passed unanimously. CVS loading signs are a private issue. Signs are on order.
17	"No On Street Parking" Signs Holly Drive (P. Hempel)	P. Hempel stated that Holly Drive is a cul-de-sac with only eight houses on it. UConn students are parking their cars, leaving them for the day and then walking up to UConn for classes in order to avoid paying for parking. Cournoyer stated they can ticket these cars but it is difficult to tow as they can appeal it. However there is a parking ban in effect from October 15 to April 15. Hart to look at the issue town-wide; Dilaj to research on how other communities handle the issue. Leave as old business.
18	No Parking Signs on Browns Road (J. Kaufman)	Resident at 12 September concerned about parking in front of their house for access to Nipmuck trail. J. Kaufman to contact resident and arrange an on-site meeting to go over issues. Leave as old business.

OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment – Carrington adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patenaude
Public Works Specialist